

**MINUTES OF THE DISABILITY SUBCOMMITTEE  
OF THE  
EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**October 7, 2011**

A meeting of the Disability Subcommittee of the Rhode Island Retirement Board (hereinafter "Committee") was held on October 7, 2011 in the Board Room of the Employees' Retirement System, 40 Fountain Street, Providence, Rhode Island.

The following Committee members were present: Daniel Beardsley; Michael Boyce; Susan Knorr Rodriguez; and Gayle Mambro-Martin (present on behalf of Mark Dingley).

Also in attendance were: Michael Robinson, General Counsel; Dr. Christopher Ley, Medical Advisor; Melissa Malone and Diane Bourne (present on behalf of Frank Karpinski), Employees' Retirement System.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Recognizing a quorum, Chairperson William Finelli called the meeting to order at 9:05 A.M.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA**

A draft of the September 9, 2011 meeting minutes was mailed to the Committee members for review, and Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Mambro-Martin and seconded by Ms. Rodriguez, it was:

**VOTED**                      To approve the meeting minutes of September 9, 2011.

The following applications were then presented for consideration:

## **RECONSIDERATION HEARING**

**Robert Cahill, Sr.**

A 52 year old state communication system operator with the Department of Transportation for 7 years and 6 months of service credits.

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and consideration of the arguments of Mr. Cahill's counsel upon a motion duly made by Mr. Beardsley and seconded by Ms. Rodriguez:

**VOTED:**

To reaffirm the decision of December 3, 2010 **Denying** the application for an accidental disability pension. The Subcommittee postpone a determination of Mr. Cahill's application for an ordinary disability pension.

**Olga Ortiz**

A 48 year old state correctional officer with the Department of Corrections with 9 years and 11 months of service credits.

After reviewing the application, prior testimony from the employer, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, consideration of the arguments of counsel for Ms. Ortiz, and Ms. Ortiz's testimony, upon a motion duly made by Ms. Rodriguez and seconded by Ms. Mambro-Martin:

**VOTED:**

To **Postpone** a decision on the application for an accidental disability retirement pending further documentation.

## **MATTERS PREVIOUSLY POSTPONED**

**Stephen Limoges, Sr.**

A 61 year old state evaluation specialist, with the State Supreme Court with 15 years and 2 months of service credits.

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Beardsley and seconded by Ms. Mambro-Martin:

**VOTED:**

To **Postpone** a decision on the application for an accidental disability retirement pending further documentation.

**Everett McCain**

A 65 year old municipal lineman with the North Providence Fire Department with 6 years and 4 months of service credits.

After reviewing the application, and information received from the employer, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Beardsley and seconded by Ms. Mambro-Martin:

**VOTED:** To direct administration to contact the member and inform him that he may apply for an ordinary disability pursuant to RIGL 45-21-1. Voted to **Postpone** a determination of disability pending receipt of an appropriate application.

**Juvita Darosa** A 49 year old state billing specialist with the Department of Transportation with 17 years' service credits.

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, taking into account Ms. Darosa's testimony and corresponding received from the Retirement System's IMEs, and upon a motion duly made by Ms. Rodriguez and seconded by Ms. Mambro-Martin:

**VOTED:** To reaffirm the decision of March 9, 2011 **Denying** the application for an ordinary disability pension.

#### **NEW BUSINESS/DISABILITY SUBCOMMITTEE COMMENTS**

None

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Rodriguez and seconded by Ms. Mambro-Martin it was unanimously:

**VOTED** To adjourn the meeting at 10:49 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa A. Malone  
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October 28, 2011